

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

The present amendments are in response to a telephone interview conducted with Examiner Salvatore on October 2, 2006 and pursuant to a Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed July 28, 2006.

By virtue of the Board's Decision, the rejection of dependent claims 3, 7 and 8 has been reversed. Accordingly, these claims are now in allowable condition. To expedite the allowance of this application, the aforementioned amendments have been made.

Specifically, the features of claim 3 have been added to claim 1, thereby rendering claim 1 allowable. Claims 2, 4-10, 12-15, 17 and 18 are directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 1 and are also allowable. Claims 40-42 have previously been allowed.

Non-elected process claims 19-21 and 24-36, and non-elected product claims 37-39, are directly or indirectly dependent upon allowed claim 1. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in §§821.04, 821.04(a) and 821.04(b), M.P.E.P., Applicants request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn and the non-elected claims be rejoined with the elected article claims.

Claim 19 has been amended to conform to the scope of claim 1 as amended. Claim 23 has been canceled since the feature therein is now in claim 19. Claim 24 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis since the word "bonding" does not occur in claim 19.

With respect to the "Other Issues" discussed on pages 8-11 of the Board's Decision, Applicants submit the following comments. The "known intermediate products" referenced on page 8, last paragraph, of the Decision apparently concern the two-layered laminates

disclosed in EP 0 176 847 A2 (cited in the IDS filed November 29, 2000) and the three-layered laminates disclosed in South African Document ZA 94/02763 (Abstract attached). U.S. Patent No. 5,017,426 (Greiser et al) was cited in the IDS filed June 20, 2001, and relates to two-layered laminates. Applicants note that the Board did not make a new ground of rejection or propose one.

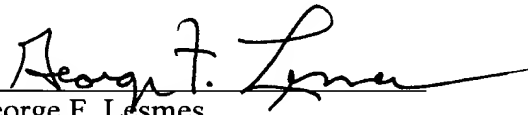
From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 838-6683 at her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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Smooth, high strength multilayer fabric used as reinforcing material - has
plies of nonwoven continuous filament needle punched fabric

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A multiple layer fabric comprises a first sheet e.g. of polyester filaments needle punched fabric and a second sheet of other fabric e.g. canvas sheet, nylon sheet, glass fibre sheet e.g. formed of chopped strands of glass fibre bonded thereto by through punching the filaments of the first sheet into the second sheet.

Pref. the multiple layer fabric comprises two continuous filament needle punched fabric with a sheet of other fabric sandwiched therebetween by bonding by through punching.

USE - In structures, buildings, reinforcing, manufacture of moulded reinforced resin products etc.

ADVANTAGE - Has high strength and is smooth. (Reissue of the entry advised in week 9518 based on complete specification).

Title Terms /Index Terms/Additional Words: SMOOTH; HIGH; STRENGTH;
MULTILAYER; FABRIC; REINFORCED; MATERIAL; PLY; NONWOVEN; CONTINUOUS;
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